

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: KAWABE, Torashiro

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet  
and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country  
I hereby depose as follows.

I, KAWABE, Torashiro, state under oath as follows:

1. My present address is Jindai-mura, Kitatama-gun, Tokyo.
2. I was stationed in Berlin from 1 December 1938 until February 1940 as Military Attaché of the Japanese Embassy. My rank at that time was Major-General. Mr. OSHIMA was Ambassador from October 1938 until October 1939.
3. As in Japan the telegraphic codes of the War Ministry, the Navy Ministry and the Foreign Office were completely different<sup>from</sup> each other, it was technically impossible for the General Staff to send directly telegrams to the Japanese Ambassadors in foreign countries. Therefore, if

telegrams were exchanged between the General Staff and the Ambassador, it must have taken place through me as Military Attaché.

4. In about January or February 1939 no telegram was sent from the Deputy Chief of the General Staff to Ambassador OSHIMA stating that the supreme authority of diplomacy is rested in the Emperor, as appears in Exhibit No. 3795 A.
5. In about January or February 1939, no telegrams were exchanged between Ambassador OSHIMA and the General Staff, secretly from the Foreign Office, concerning the question of strengthening the Anti-Comintern Pact.
6. With respect to negotiations for a Japan-Germany-Italy treaty, I as the Military Attaché never submitted a draft of a treaty to the German Foreign Office as mentioned in the Exhibit No. 3801 A. Moreover, during my sojourn in Berlin no draft of a treaty was sent to me from the War Ministry or the General Staff in Tokyo. Of course I was never ordered to submit such a draft to the German Foreign Office.

On this 23 day of Jan. 1948

At Tokyo.

DEPONENT: /s/ KAWABE, Torashiro (seal)

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I, SHIMANOCHI, Tatsuki, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date,  
at the same place.

Witness: /s/ SHIMANOCHI, Tatsuki (see

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ KAWABE, Torashiro (seal)